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SUBJ: FIVE YEAR PRISON TERM IMPOSED ON MEMBER JDL

1. AVRAHAM HERSHKOVITZ, FORMER OFFICE MANAGER FOR JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE WAS SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN PRISON BY FEDERAL JUDGE JOHN R. BARTELS IN BROOKLYN ON APRIL 23.
2. HERSHKOVITZ PLEADED GUILTY TO MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS IN HIS APPLICATION FOR A PASSPORT WHICH WAS ISSUED IN NAME OF GORDON JOSEPH RYDER OF LOS ANGELES. HE AND HIS WIFE NANCY WERE ARRESTED AT JFK AIRPORT SEPTEMBER 28 AS THEY WERE ABOUT TO BOARD UAR AIRLINES PLANE WITH LOADED GUNS AND A LIVE GRENADE HIDDEN IN THEIR CLOTHING.
3. ACCORDING TO PHILIP EDELBAUM, ATTORNEY FOR HERSHKOVITZ, REAL INTENT OF COUPLE HAD NOT BEEN HIJACKING, BUT KIDNAPPING LEILA KHALED WHO HAD BEEN WOUNDED IN ABORTED HIJACKING OF EL AL PLANE FROM LONDON HOSPITAL.
4. JUDGE BARTELS INCREASED HERSHKOVITZ BAIL FROM \$50,000 TO \$65,000 AND GAVE HIM UNTIL MAY 7, 1971 TO SURRENDER AND BEGIN SERVING HIS TERM. BUSH

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